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Applicant: Vernon D. Ortenzi et al. :

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005. Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2005 for 2 month(s) from December 13, 2005 to February 13, 2006. Please charge the extension fee of \$450.00 to our Visa credit card account. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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